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## Senate

The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable RICHARD G. LUGAR, a Senator from the State of Indiana.

### PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Our guest Chaplain, Rev. Laurel Arthur Burton, Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church, Greencastle, IN, will lead the Senate in prayer.

The guest chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O Thou great Creator, God of all the nations:

We bow before You knowing that these gathered here today have the power to choose right over wrong, good over evil. Bless each one of them that they might choose according to Your will.

Open their ears so that they may truly listen to one another.

Open their eyes so that they may truly see the path of righteousness.

Open their mouths that they may speak truly with the deepest integrity.

And open their hearts and minds that they may discern the way that leads to the common good.

O Spirit of power, grant that the only ambition in this Chamber may be the desire to achieve peace and prosperity for all Americans. Grant that the only competition may be the struggle for justice. O Thou great Creator, God of all the nations, lead this great Nation as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, until the day comes when all nations shall dwell together in peace and concord. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable RICHARD G. LUGAR led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, July 13, 2006.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RICHARD G. LUGAR, a Senator from the State of Indiana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. LUGAR thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Alaska is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, speaking for the leader, I announce to the Senate that this morning, the first 30 minutes will be a period for the transaction of morning business, which has been divided between the two sides. After morning business, we will return to the Homeland Security appropriations bill. The two managers have a tentative lineup of amendments this morning and into the afternoon. It is the leader's understanding they are working toward a vote this morning in relation to one of those amendments, and we will alert everyone when that amendment is locked in. Senators should be on notice that a vote could occur between 10 and 10:30 this morning.

We have said we will finish this bill today, and that could translate into a

late night, if needed, in order to pass this important Homeland Security appropriations bill. The leader hopes we can finish this earlier, and if Senators will communicate with managers earlier today regarding amendments, then it is his feeling we should be able to finish this bill at a reasonable time today.

In any event, it is the leader's intention to stay in today, tonight, or tomorrow—whatever it takes—to conclude this important bill this week.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business for up to 30 minutes, with the first half of the time under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee and the second half of the time under the control of the majority leader or his designee.

The Senator from North Dakota.

### ENERGY

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I was in a town called Zeeland, ND, because we have a serious drought occurring in ranching country. We had ranchers and farmers—this is a town of about 120 people and 170 ranchers and farmers showed up very concerned about how they are going to feed their cattle.

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